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LB 124

majority, which is not good.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The amendment has been adopted. We now are back on the committee amendments. Senator Newell, your light is on, do you want to speak on the committee amendment? Senator Wesely. We are now voting on the committee amendments as amended. Please register....all those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted?

CLERK: Senator Labeledz voting yes.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Register the vote. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of the committee amendments, Madam Chair.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The committee amendments are adopted. Are there any more amendments? We are now on the bill. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Senator Labeledz and members of the Legislature, again, LB 124 was introduced to deal with previous legislation dealing with energy issues. It does a number of things that have been identified in a yellow handout that I passed out earlier. It essentially does three things. It cleans up the energy tax credit legislation that we passed last year to make sure it is applicable in the cases that we had intended and there were some questions from the Revenue Department that we are correcting with this legislation. It deals with updating the current energy efficiency standards through the support of the municipalities and the building industry of the state, and it also deals with the question of enforcement of that standard and makes it much easier to enforce, and takes out some provisions that had been there previously. On the Energy Office, it cuts back on the number of reports required of them. Administratively it should ease some of their burden. Now that is the bill and in summary there are handouts that I think will go into more detail and I will be glad to answer questions if you have any.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Senator Remmers, do you wish to speak on the bill? Senator Remmers, on the bill.

SENATOR REMMERS: Madam Chairman, members of the Legislature, I just want to comment briefly on the bill. I just want to say that we have so many bills being offered, it seems like there is never any end to it. We are going to exempt somebody from paying taxes. Somebody has to pay taxes, and it